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Rine-Saunders Farmstead  
Ijamsville vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1845-1930

The Rine-Saunders Farmstead is centered on a two-story log dwelling built about 1845 with a frame rear wing and a cross gable added in the late 19th century and a 1990 extension and its remaining agricultural outbuildings, a frame wagon shed/granary built about 1870, and a frame and stone bank barn of about 1900, with a concrete block milk house and a possibly generator shed built nearby in the 1920's. The farmstead is minimally significant for the architecture of the log dwelling, whose log structure was revealed by the removal of mid-20th century artificial siding, and the outbuildings, which exemplify the grain production of the farm in the late 19th century in the wagon shed with its bins for two types of grain, corn and wheat, and the barn with its enclosed stalls forming a milking parlor, an alteration of the 1920's. The farm was probably established by John Rine (1822-1886) about 1845. In 1870, it became the property of Walter Saunders (1829-1912), who probably made the first alterations to the house. In 1920, the farm was sold to Omar Brubaker and the change to dairy production were accomplished.

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Ijamsville

Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

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### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rine-Saunders Farmstead

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 4436 Ijamsville Road   not for publicationcity, town Ijamsvillex vicinity ofcongressional district 6thstate Marylandcounty Frederick

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>x</u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture	<u>  </u> museum
<u>x</u> building(s)	<u>x</u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial	<u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational	<u>x</u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment	<u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>x</u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government	<u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial	<u>  </u> transportation
	<u>x</u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military	<u>  </u> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ralph and Susan E. Gordonstreet & number 4436 Ijamsville Road

telephone no.:

city, town Ijamsvillestate and zip code MD 21754

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouseliber 978street & number 100 W. Patrick Streetfolio 536city, town Frederickstate MD 21701

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

   federal    state    county    local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-7-88

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 5

The Rine-Saunders Farmstead is an originally agricultural complex, now principally a private residence, centered on a circa 1845 log dwelling with a 1990 addition on the rear elevation and its remaining agricultural outbuildings, including a frame wagon shed/granary of about 1870, a frame and stone bank barn of about 1900 and two concrete block milk houses of the 1920's and 1930's. The farmstead is located on the west side of Ijamsville Road about 1/4 mile south of Ijamsville, Frederick County, Maryland. The buildings are visible on a hill set back above a small stream valley running north toward Bush Creek. The principal elevation of the house faces east. The dates of the buildings are based on architectural features, land records, and historical maps.

The dwelling has a one-story porch on the east elevation and a central cross gable added in the late 19th century. The porch was built in the mid-20th century, having a concrete block base, plain square posts, and extending on the south elevation. The principal elevation has four bays on the first story and two on the second story. The first story originally had two entries, but the more northerly doorway was converted to a window, possibly in the late 19th or early 20th century. When the current owners, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, purchased the farm in 1976, the log structure of the house was exposed by the removal of the artificial siding then in place and the converted window was revealed. The Gordons added logs below the opening to fill in the exterior appearance. The windows are 2/2 and the 4-panel door has a two-light transom. The cross gable added in the late 19th century has a Gothic arch window and is faced with german siding. The north elevation has vinyl exterior siding and irregularly spaced bays. An exterior brick chimney is located on the rear addition of the house. Mrs. Gordon said the original log house apparently had a short, perpendicular two-story frame wing extending from the northwest corner. The wing was added at an unknown date, but the west elevation of this section has a small Gothic arched window at the attic level, indicating that the wing may have been added at the same time as the cross gable on the east elevation. A possible date for the two alterations may be about 1868, the date that John Saunders purchased the farmstead. The angle formed by the two sections has been filled in by the 1990 addition. The two window bays in the older wing on the west elevation have been enlarged and one of the first story windows is now a pair of windows. These were also 1990 changes. The south elevation is dominated by the 1990 addition. The interior of the house has been altered over several periods. It probably had two rooms on the first story, but the addition of bathrooms and the possible relocation of a winding staircase in the log section has obscured the original plan.

Wagon shed/granary: The frame wagon shed with granary bins on the sides was possibly built about 1870. The drive-through passage is off-center, due to the larger granary on the east side with flush vertical siding, indicating that it was probably used for wheat storage. On the east exterior side are high horizontal rectangular openings for loading the bin. The stone foundation is raised on piers creating openings under the floor of the bin. A later occupant of the farm used the spaces under the bin as a dog pen. The west crib was for corn storage and has

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## 8. Significance

Survey No. F-7-88

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1845-1930

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Rine-Saunders Farmstead is minimally significant for the architecture of the log dwelling, a circa 1845 structure with alterations in the late 19th century and the late 20th century. Its exposed log structure and principal elevation still convey considerable historic integrity, showing the succession of changes to the structure in window and door alterations and the addition of the cross gable. The farmstead's outbuildings are also minimally important as examples of agricultural building types of the late 19th and early 20th century. The wagon shed/granary clearly indicates its use in the differing sizes and construction of the storage bins for wheat and corn. The barn's alteration to dairy use reflects the change from grain production in the 19th century to dairying in the early 20th century, a County-wide change which took place during this period.

The farmstead was probably established by John Rine (1822-1886) in the mid-1840's, although no initial deed of purchase has yet been identified. Assuming that Rine married in his early 20's, the date of 1845 for the log dwelling seems to be a valid estimate. Rine's wife Caroline (1822-1898) is recorded with her husband as grantors in the earliest identified deed dated 1858. Rine's name appears on the Isaac Bond 1858 map, although he sold the approximately 111-acre farm in that year to Elias Spring. In 1868, John Saunders purchased the farm from Spring, who had apparently moved to Loudoun County, Virginia. Saunders conveyed the farm in 1870 to Caroline Saunders (1836-1917), wife of Walter Saunders (1829-1912), who was probably the son of John. Walter Saunders was possibly a captain in the Civil War, based on this rank being inscribed on his tombstone. The addition of the frame wing and the cross gable to the log house may have occurred about this time. The Saunders family retained the property until 1907. After two intervening sales, the farm was bought by Omar Roy Brubaker in 1920, in whose family it remained until 1976. The change to dairy production was probably made by Brubaker in the 1920's.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-7-88

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.

Holdcraft, Jacob M. Names in Stone, V.2. Privately published, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1966, pp. 947, 980.

Land Records of Frederick County

Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acresQuadrangle name Urbana, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA 

Zone	Easting							Northing	

B 

Zone	Easting							Northing	

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 87, Parcel 113.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date January 1994street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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7.1 Description (Continued)

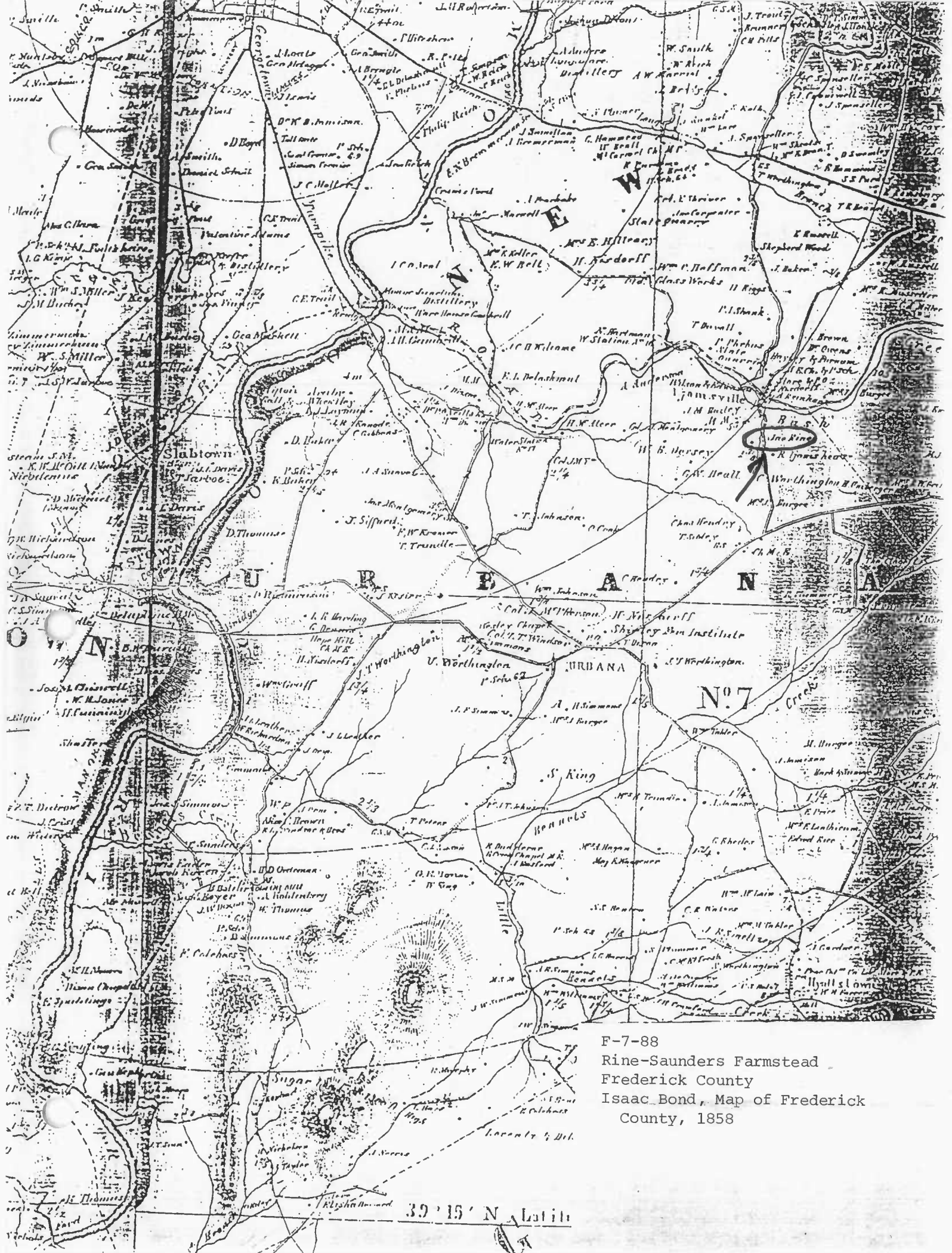
vented horizontal siding on the west side. A vertical board door is on the south end of the corn crib and openings to the crib are on the interior side facing the drive-through. The roof is corrugated metal.

Barn and milk houses: The frame bank barn appears to have been built about 1900, with the tongue-and-groove exterior siding characteristic of the turn of the century period. Arched louvred vents are in all elevations and the corrugated metal roof is a replacement. The stall level on the east side was converted entirely for milking parlor use in the early 20th century. The space below the forebay was enclosed with concrete block and rows of windows open on to the adjoining barnyard. South of the yard is a non-contributing loafing shed. At the northeast corner of the barn is a concrete block milk house built at the same time as the enclosure of the stall area. It has metal sash windows and a tongue-and-groove cross-braced door on the east side. A second concrete block building is northeast of the milk house. Its original use is unclear, but an old gas pump just north of the building suggests that it may have been a generator building for the milking machinery. Its date is probably about 1930.

4436 Gainsville Rd.

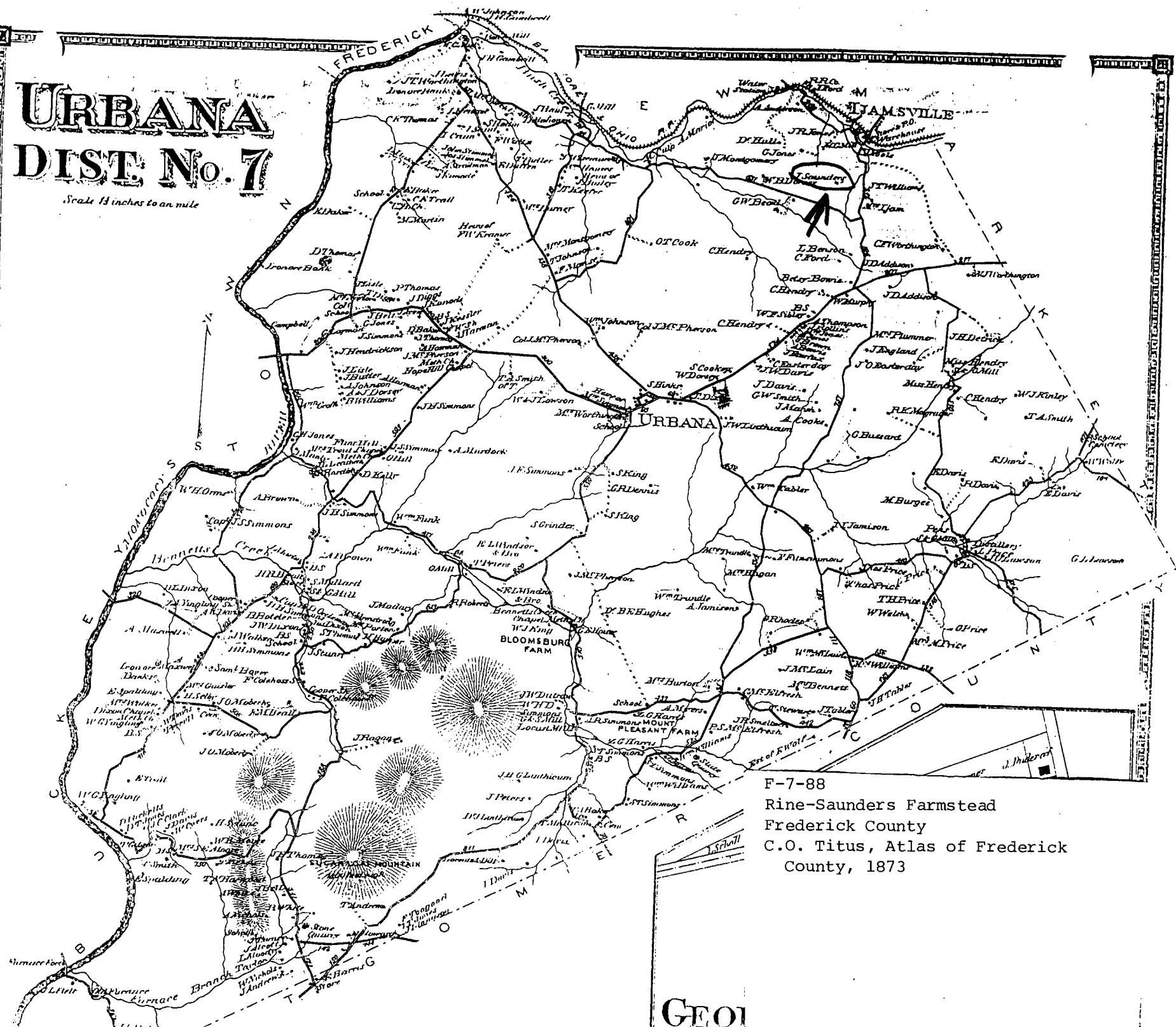
Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
978/536 8 Jan 76	Ralph & Susan E. Gordon	Omer Lee & Evelyn L. Brubaker	Plat Book 12/123	
496/183 14 Sept 51	Omer Lee Brubaker et al	Omer Roy Brubaker, widower	111 A., 3 R., 5 sq. p.	
331/115 31 Mar 20	Omer Roy Brubaker & Daisy B. Brubaker	Wm. G. & Minnie M. Oden	111 A., 3 R., 5 sq. p.	
320/406 31 Mar 17	Wm. G. & Minnie M. Oden	John R. & Laura B. Sponseller	111 A., 3 R., 5 sq. p.	
STH 282/20 27 Dec 07	John R. Spon- seller et ux	Caroline E. & Walter Saunders	111 A., 3 R., 5 sq. p.	\$3,500
CM 6/214 6 Oct 1870	Caroline E. Saunders, wife of Walter Saunders	John & R.C. Saunders Saunders	111 A., 3 R., 5 sq. p.	\$3,000
CM 2/509 14 Sept Nov 1868	John Saunders	Elias & Mary A. C. Spring, of Loudon Co., Va.	111 A., 3 R., 5 sq. p.	\$3,000
BGF 1/43 6 Apr 1858	Elias Spring	John & Caroline E. Reine	111 A., 3 R., 5 sq. p.	\$2,500



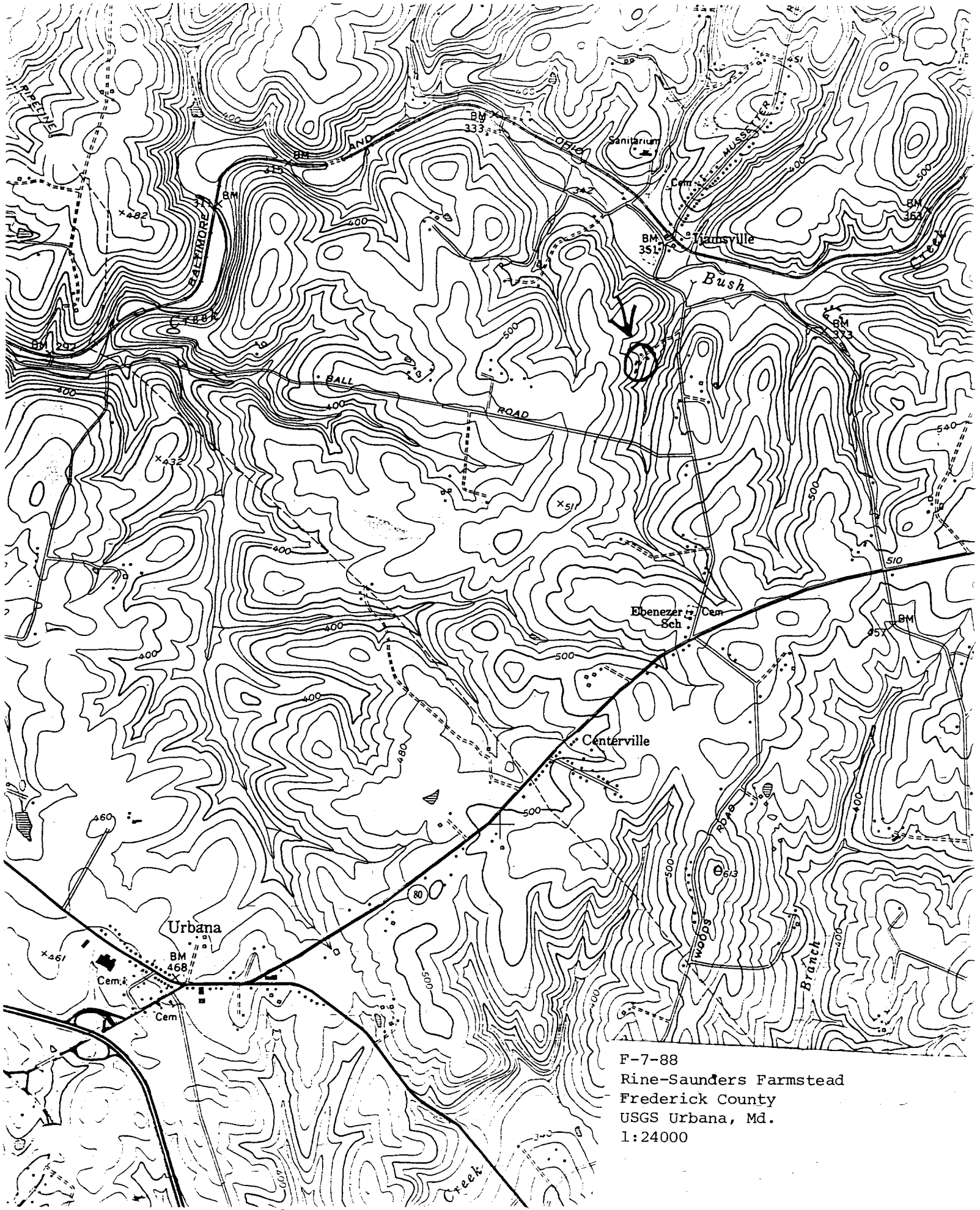


# URBANA DIST No. 7

Scale 1/4 inches to an mile



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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick  
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